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February 24, 2010

Mr. Charles Terreni Chief Clerk and Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina Synergy Business Park. 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, SC 29210

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing please find an original and four (4) copies of Qwest Communications Company, LLC ("QCC") filing to revise its South Carolina Tariff No. 1. The material consists of tariff pages as indicated on the following check sheets:

Revision	Sheet No.
57th Revised	Sheet 1

The purpose of this filing is to introduce Access Arbitrage language.

The proposed effective date for this change is March 3, 2010.

Acknowledgment and date of receipt of this transmittal are requested. A duplicate letter and self-addressed, stamped envelope are attached for this purpose. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Enclosures** 

# **CHECK SHEET**

The pages of this tariff are effective as of the date shown at the bottom of this page. Original and revised pages as named below comprise all changes from the Original tariff that are in effect on the date thereof.

Sheet	Revision	Sheet	Revision	Sheet	Revision
Title	1st Revised	26	1st Revised	58	Original
1	57th Revised*	27	1st Revised	59	Original
1.1	43rd Revised	28	2nd Revised	60	Original
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2.1	1st Revised*	31	1st Revised	63	Original
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3	1st Revised	35	Original	67	1st Revised
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7	Original	39	1st Revised	71	1st Revised
8	1st Revised	40	Original	72	2nd Revised
9	Original	41	1st Revised	73	Original
10	1st Revised	42	2nd Revised	74	2nd Revised
11	1st Revised	43	Original	75	3rd Revised
12	1st Revised	44	Original	76	5th Revised
13	1st Revised	45	1st Revised	77	1st Revised
14	1st Revised	46	1st Revised	78	Original
15	Original	47	Original	79	11th Revised
16	1st Revised	48	1st Revised	80	4th Revised
17	1st Revised	49	2nd Revised	81	2nd Revised
18	1st Revised	50	2nd Revised	82	Original
19	1st Revised	51	1st Revised	83	1st Revised
20	1st Revised	52	Original	84	4th Revised
21	1st Revised	53	Original	85	4th Revised
22	2nd Revised	54	Original	86	6th Revised
23	2nd Revised	55	1st Revised	87	1st Revised
24	1st Revised	56	Original	88	1st Revised
25	1st Revised	57	Original	89	2nd Revised

<sup>\*</sup> New or revised material.

### **Special Arrangements**

The rates and charges quoted in this Tariff contemplate the use of standard arrangements, that is, the arrangement normally used by the Company to provide the type of service involved.

For special service arrangements to be provided by this Company, and not specifically covered in this Tariff, including but not limited to services, features, and combinations of services and features not normally offered or combined, monthly rates and the one-time charges, such as installation, nonrecurring and construction charges will apply based on the circumstances in each case.

These special equipment and service items will be provided whenever, in the judgment of the Company, there is a valid reason for providing the service requested. In such cases, the Company reserves the right to require an initial contract period longer than one (1) month at the same location.

The rates, terms and conditions for these Special Arrangements offerings will be established on an individual case basis.

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### Access Arbitrage

#### A. For purposes of this provision:

- 1. "High Cost Minutes" are minutes of use that originate or terminate at numbers for which the Customer's switched exchange access per minute rate is equal to or exceeds \$0.0250.
- 2. The originating or terminating switched exchange access per minute rate charged to the Company will be the sum of the per minute charges imposed by the originating or terminating Local Exchange Carrier, plus the prorated portion of all other charges imposed by the originating or terminating Local Exchange Carrier for originating or terminating switched exchange access, expressed on a cost per minute basis.

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Access Arbitrage (N)

A. For purposes of this provision (Cont'd)

- 3. Using any service provided by the Company in connection with Access Arbitrage is considered an abuse and is prohibited. Access Arbitrage is a scheme or device to profit by exploiting differences between the cost of originating or terminating access (as charged to interexchange) and the pricing of 1+ and 8XX long distance service provided by the Company. Access Arbitrage includes:
  - a. Using switching equipment or a call processing system (such as a prepaid card, calling card, or teleconferencing platform) to segregate calls and systematically route to the Company calls that are characterized by a greater discrepancy between the access cost and the price charged by the Company.
  - b. Using the Company's long distance telephone services (such as Qwest Total Advantage, Qwest Connect, Virtual Network Services (product), and IPLD) as a substitute for, or to avoid, originating or terminating switched exchange access obtained from local exchange providers, for the origination or termination of domestic calls originated over the network of another carrier (through 1+ access, special access, carrier access code dial around, or otherwise);
  - c. If the Company determines through an investigation that calls originate over the network of another interexchange carrier or were routed through a call processing system such that the percentage of High Cost minutes routed to the Company using the service is more than 11.4%.
  - d. Segregating calls within another carrier's network or a call processing system to systematically route calls to the Company where the access costs exceed the price of long distance service provided by the Company.
  - e. Transporting intrastate traffic into a different state in order to cause the traffic to be rated by the Company at a lower rate than would otherwise apply.

Access Arbitrage (N)

A. For purposes of this provision

- 3. (Cont'd)
  - Artificially stimulating calling or other usage volumes to: (a) any number advertised or intended for accessing information programs and services, including but not limited to chat lines, Interactive Voice Response programs, and Internet Access dial up services(b) routing codes or international area or city codes reserved or used by the subject telecommunications administration for Interactive Voice Response programs; (c) special routing codes, telephone numbers, or locations for which the cost of call origination or termination that is higher than that incurred for originations or terminations to other parts of the same jurisdiction or locale therefore the customer benefits because the rate charged to the customer is lower; or (d) telephone numbers or service arrangements where the party causing the artificial stimulation derivers revenues or other financial benefit from or is compensated based upon said calling or other usage volumes in a capacity other than as communications carrier, or if acting as a communications carrier, earns a surcharge or similar increment (or an entity with a common financial interest with the party stimulating the traffic earns a surcharge or similar increment) merely by virtue of the origination or termination of such calls. Such artificial stimulation may include, but is not limited to, use of electronic or other automatic means to generate such call volumes, or hiring of agents or contractors principally to make calls or otherwise generate usage to such numbers or types of services, but does not, without more, include advertising or promotion of Interactive Voice Response products or similar programming to stimulate calling by third parties with no financial or other beneficial interest in the service or called program.
  - g. Using service provided by the Company to generate calls with the intent or effect of creating a disparity (across any Customer account) between the rate of long distance service provided by the Company and the charge to the Company for originating and/or terminating by local access providers.

Access Arbitrage (N)

A. For purposes of this provision

- 3. (Cont'd)
  - h. Sending calls identified as Mobile Terminated Calls, or as another termination type to which a surcharge or other differential rate for termination applies, when the called station or termination point is not in fact mobile Terminated, or the termination type as to which the surcharge or other differential rates applies

## B. Access Arbitrage Fee

- 1. When the Company determines that the Customer has violated this provision, the Access Arbitrage Fee will apply. In addition, the Company may immediately restrict, suspend or discontinue Customer's use of any service used in connection with Access Arbitrage upon notice of such violation to Customer. Further, the Company may prevent conversion to another the Company service arrangement of any facility used to provide a service in violation of this provision.
- 2. The Access Arbitrage Fee will be assessed in addition to the Customers current charge for each minute of use of long distance service for High Cost Calls in excess of 20%.

Inbound and Outbound Arbitrage Access Fee per minute rate

Switched \$0.10 Dedicated 0.05